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ANNUAL REPORT . . .

for the Town of

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS — 1954

Moderator
Ira E. Elliott

Town Clerk
Wayne I. Wheeler

Selectmen

James J. Page	Term expires 1955
John Boutin, Sr.	Term expires 1956
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	Term expires 1957

Treasurer
Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector
Lulu M. Clark

Highway Agent
John Boutin, Jr.

Supervisors of the Checklist
Ethel A. Boutin Forrest E. Clark Margaret E. Elliott

Constable
Ethel A. Boutin

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
James J. Page

Fence Viewer
Iona Boutin

Library Trustees

Lulu M. Clark	Term expires 1955
Seraphine Harris	Term expires 1956
Vevah Leonard	Term expires 1957

Librarian
Vevah Leonard

Trustees of Trust Funds

Forrest E. Clark	Term expires 1955
Wayne I. Wheeler	Term expires 1956
James M. Leonard	Term expires 1957

Auditor

Ethel A. Boutin

School Board Members

James M. Leonard	Term expires 1955
Ethel A. Boutin	Term expires 1956
Lulu M. Clark	Term expires 1957

Sextons

C. Howard Tyler	Mountain View
John Boutin, Jr.	East
James J. Page	South

Ballot Clerks

Mary Wheeler	William Harris
Iona Boutin	Lena Collins

Health Officer

John Boutin, Sr.

Relief Agent

Ethel A. Boutin

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitant of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 8th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, James J. Page being the outgoing member; one Tax Collector; one Town Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Auditor; one Trustee of the Trust Funds, Forrest E. Clark being the outgoing member; one Library Trustee, Lulu M. Clark being the outgoing member; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise \$220.00 for repairs to the basement of the Community Building.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise \$13.75 for the White Mountains Region Association, being 10¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of the town for the previous year, for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other towns of the region.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise \$70.28 as the town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid.)

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize a discount of 2 percent on taxes paid before a date authorized by the selectmen.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to observe Memorial Day the same as in past years.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the playing of beano in said town.

Article 12. The town meeting warrant shall remain open for articles to be inserted by the selectmen until posting date.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 7th day of February, A. D., 1955.

JAMES J. PAGE,
JOHN BOUTIN, SR.
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON FOR 1955

Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1955 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1954

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual 1954	Estimated 1955
From State of New Hampshire		
Railroad tax	\$ 10.47	\$.....
Savings Bank tax	.39	.50
Bounties	39.50	59.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Forest		
Lands	1,934.97	500.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing		
Wood and Timber	529.73	500.00
National Forest Reserve	828.06	900.00
For fighting forest fires	2.50
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	21.83
Class V Highway Maint. Allotment	71.36
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Dog Licenses	47.00	50.00
Interest on taxes	58.48	50.00
Income from trust funds	116.81	115.00
Income from rental of equipment	1,287.65	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle permit fees	443.74	450.00
From Local Taxes other than Property Taxes		
Poll taxes	134.00	130.00
Yield taxes	322.49	300.00
Total Revenue from all sources except property taxes	\$	4,054.50
Amount to be raised by property taxes		7,881.53
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 11,936.03

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON FOR 1955

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1955 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the year 1954

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1954	Estimated 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 478.55	\$ 475.00
Town Officers' Expenses	347.57	350.00
Election and Registration Expenses	252.45	60.00
Town Hall Expenses	185.32	450.00
Police Department	8.00	10.00
Fire Department	49.38	50.00
Bounties	59.00	50.00
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	803.56	800.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	804.56	1,000.00
Town Truck Expenses	898.45	900.00
Town Road Aid	82.29	70.28
Old Age Assistance	791.42	800.00
Memorial Day	22.08	25.00
Cemeteries	171.48	175.00
Regional Association	13.57	13.75
Interest on Long Term Notes	119.62	92.00
Indebtedness		
Long Term Notes—Truck	1,299.20	800.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County Taxes	302.43	305.00
School Taxes	5,751.48	5,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 11,936.03

SUMMARY INVENTORY — 1954

Land and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing		
Wood and Timber)		\$ 81,475.00
Electric Plants		
Conn. River Power Co.	\$ 28,750.00	
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	3,816.00	
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Horses	(9)	850.00
Cows	(129)	12,700.00
Other Neat Stock	(28)	2,100.00
Goats	(1)	10.00
Fowls	(10)	10.00
Gasoline pumps	(2)	200.00
Stock in Trade		400.00
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Total Gross Valuation		\$130,311.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions		3,510.00
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Net Valuation		\$126,801.00

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED — 1954**

Appropriations

Town Officers' salaries	\$ 500.00
Town Officers' expenses	300.00
Election and Registration expenses	300.00
Town Hall	200.00
Police Department	10.00
Fire Department	50.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Road Aid	82.29
Town Road Maintenance—summer	700.00
Town Road Maintenance—winter	900.00
New Equipment—snowplow	846.00
Libraries	12.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Cemeteries	155.00
Regional Association	13.57
Payments on debt	950.00
County tax	302.43
School tax	5,155.75

Total Town and School appropriations	\$ 11,117.04
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Estimated Revenues and Credits

Railroad tax	\$ 11.25
Savings bank tax	.39
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	665.30
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	529.73
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	500.00
Dog Licenses	58.00
Rent of Town Property—truck	500.00

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED — 1954
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Interest on taxes and Income from		
Trust Funds	149.00	
National Forest Reserve 1953		
(one half)	698.71	
Class V Highway maint. allotment	71.36	
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Total Revenues and Credits		\$ 3,183.70
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		\$ 7,933.34
Plus overlay		62.32
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Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$ 7,995.66
Less: 67 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00		- 134.00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes		\$ 7,861.66
Tax rate \$6.20		

TOWN OF BENTON — BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1954

Assets

Cash — in hands of treasurer	\$ 2,990.10
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Accounts due to the Town

State of New Hampshire — Bounties	59.00
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Unredeemed taxes (from tax sale on acct. of)

Levy of 1953	197.40
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Levy of 1952	27.06
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Previous years	45.54
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Uncollected taxes

Levy of 1954	1,961.22
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Levy of 1953	51.38
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State Head Taxes — Levy of 1954	145.00
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Total Assets	\$ 5,476.70
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Net Debt	414.01
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Grand Total	\$ 5,890.71
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Liabilities**Accounts owed by the Town**

Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	\$ 534.89
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State Head Taxes — 1954	145.00
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Due School District

Balance of appropriation	3,105.26
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½ 1954 National Forest Reserve	414.03
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Long Term Notes Outstanding

Town truck	1,691.53
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Total Liabilities	\$ 5,890.71
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Grand Total	\$ 5,890.71
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and School, land and buildings	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and equipment	1,000.00
Libraries, lands and buildings	300.00
Highway Department, equipment	4,000.00
Other property — town safe	50.00
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	\$ 10,350.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Selectmen of Benton, N. H.

I herewith submit my report of funds received by me and paid over to the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

Motor Vehicle Permits

1953 permits	\$.76	
1954 permits	442.98	
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	\$	443.74
Dog Licenses		47.00
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Total	\$	590.74

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE I. WHEELER,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**1954 Taxes Collected**

Property taxes	\$	6,000.53	
Poll taxes		80.00	
Yield taxes		51.27	
Yield tax abatement		1.27	
State head tax		230.00	
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Total Current Year's Taxes Collected			
and Remitted	\$	6,363.07	
Overpaid to Treasurer		- 1.10	
	\$	6,361.97	
Interest on property taxes	\$.57	
State head tax penalties		1.50	
			2.07
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Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$	6,364.04	
Prop. tax discount allowed	\$	67.90	

1954 Taxes Uncollected

Property taxes	\$	1,794.33	
Poll taxes		52.00	
Yield taxes		114.89	
State head taxes		145.00	
			\$ 2,106.22

1953 Taxes Collected

Property taxes	\$	577.73	
Poll taxes		48.00	
Poll tax abatements		6.00	
Yield taxes		269.95	
State head taxes		115.00	
State head tax abatements		15.00	
Total 1953 taxes Coll. and Remitted	\$	1,031.68	
Overpaid to Treasurer		- .13	
	\$	1,031.55	

Interest on property taxes	\$	24.93	
Advertising costs collected		9.00	
Interest on yield taxes		4.54	
State head tax penalties		11.50	
Taxes bought by Town		229.50	
		<hr/>	279.33
Overpaid to Treasurer			- .14
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Total Remitted			\$ 1,310.88
1953 Uncollected Yield taxes	\$	51.38	
1953 Unredeemed Property taxes		197.40	
1952 Property taxes collected		155.80	
Interest, costs of adv. and sale		19.44	
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Total 1952 taxes Coll. and Remitted	\$		175.24
1952 Unredeemed taxes			27.06
1950 Unredeemed taxes			45.54

Lulu M. Clark
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Lulu M. Clark, Tax Collector:

1952 property tax collected	\$	155.80	
1952 interest		15.64	
1952 costs of advertising		2.25	
1952 cost of sale		1.55	
		<hr/>	\$ 175.24

1953 property tax collected	\$	577.73	
1953 interest		24.93	
1953 poll tax collected		48.00	
1953 State head tax collected		115.00	
1953 State head tax penalties coll.		11.50	
1953 yield tax collected		269.95	
1953 interest on yield tax		4.54	
1953 cost of advertising		9.00	
1953 poll tax abatements		6.00	
1953 State head tax abatements		15.00	
1953 taxes bought by Town		229.50	
		<hr/>	1,311.15

1954 property tax collected	\$	6,000.53	
1954 interest		.57	
1954 poll tax collected		80.00	
1954 State head tax collected		230.00	
1954 State head tax penalties coll.		1.50	
1954 yield tax collected		51.27	
1954 yield tax abatement		1.27	
		<hr/>	6,365.14

Received from Wayne Wheeler, Town Clerk:

1953 motor vehicle permit fees	\$.76	
1954 motor vehicle permit fees		442.98	
1954 dog licenses		47.00	
		<hr/>	490.70

Received from State of New Hampshire:

Reimbursement a/c State and Federal

Forest Lands

1953	\$	665.30
1954		1,799.40

Nat. Forest Reserve — 1954	828.06	
State's share fire training exp.	2.50	
Bounties	39.50	
Refund on head taxes	2.12	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist.	21.83	
Savings bank tax	.39	
Railroad tax	10.47	
Class V Highway Maint. Allotment	71.36	
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Received from Town truck hire:		
State of New Hampshire	\$ 741.25	
Town of Benton	484.50	
Town of Bath	45.90	
Edith Yeaton	6.00	
James M. Leonard	2.00	
P. R. Gregory	5.00	
John Boutin, Sr.	3.00	
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		1,287.65
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds:		
For cemeteries	\$ 59.44	
For highways	56.37	
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		115.81
Received from Woodsville National Bank:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		2,500.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 15,686.66	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	3,753.42	
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	\$ 19,440.08	
Less Selectmen's orders	- 16,441.25	
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	\$ 2,998.83	
Less bank service charges	- 8.73	
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954	\$ 2,990.10	

Priscilla Boutin
Town Treasurer

Town of Benton

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

From Local Taxes (collected and remitted to Treasurer)

Property taxes — 1954	\$ 6,000.53
Poll taxes — 1954	80.00
Yield taxes — 1954	52.54
State head taxes — 1954	230.00

Total Current year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$ 6,363.07
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Property taxes and yield taxes— previous years	1,232.98
Poll taxes — previous years	54.00
State head taxes — previous years	130.00
Interest received on taxes	58.48
Penalties on State head taxes	13.00

From State

For Class V Highway maint. \$	71.36
Refund on head taxes	2.12
Railroad tax	10.47
Savings Bank tax	.39
Reimbursement a/c State and	
Federal Forest Lands	2,464.70
National Forest Reserve	828.06
Fighting forest fires	2.50
Bounties	39.50
Reimbursement a/c Old Age	
Assistance	21.83
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	3,440.93

From Local Sources, except taxes

Dog licenses	\$ 47.00
Income from trust funds	116.81
Income from dept., truck hire	1,287.65

AND PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

Town officers' salaries	\$	478.55
Town officers' expenses		347.57
Election and registration expenses		252.45
Town hall expenses		185.32
Police department		8.00
Fire department		49.38
Bounties		59.00
Health department		5.00
Vital statistics		5.00
Town Road Aid		82.29
Town road maint. — summer		803.56
Town road maint. — winter		804.56
Town truck expenses		898.45
Old Age Assistance		791.42
Memorial Day		22.08
Cemeteries		171.48
Bank charges		8.73
Regional association		13.57
Discounts, abatements, and refunds		23.64
Taxes bought by town		229.50

Total Current Maintenance Expenses \$ 5,239.55

Interest

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 44.38
Paid on long term notes	119.62

Total Interest Payments	164.00
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Outlay for New Equipment

New equipment — highway, snowplow	846.00
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RECEIPTS**(continued)**

Reg. of motor vehicles — 1953	.76	
Reg. of motor vehicles — 1954	442.98	
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Receipts other than Current Revenue		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		2,500.00
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Total Receipts from all Sources	\$	15,686.66
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		3,753.42
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Grand Total	\$	19,440.08

PAYMENTS**(continued)****Indebtedness**

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 2,500.00	
Payments on long term notes	1,299.20	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		3,799.20

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

State Head Taxes	\$ 347.32	
Taxes paid to County	302.43	
Payments to School District		
1953 tax	3,002.28	
1954 tax	2,050.49	
1/2 1953 Nat. Forrest Reserve	698.71	
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Total Payments to Other Gov. Div.		6,401.23
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Total Payments all Purposes	\$ 16,449.98	
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	2,990.10	
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Grand Total		\$ 19,440.08

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS — 1954**Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries**

Forrest Clark, trustee of trust funds	\$	6.40
Wayne Wheeler, trustee of trust funds		6.40
James M. Leonard, trustee of trust funds		6.40
Priscilla Boutin, closing 1953 accounts		20.00
Ethel Boutin, closing 1953 accounts		20.00
John Boutin, Sr., closing 1953 accounts		20.00
James J. Page, closing 1953 accounts		20.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., assessing		6.40
John Boutin, Sr., assessing		19.20
James J. Page, assessing		6.40
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer's salary		50.00
Lulu M. Clark, tax collector's salary		50.00
Lulu M. Clark tax collector's fees		17.25
Wayne Wheeler, town clerk's salary		50.00
Wayne Wheeler, town clerk's fees		38.10
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman's salary		25.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman's salary		35.00
James J. Page, selectman's salary		75.00
Ethel Boutin, relief agent's salary		7.00
	\$	478.55

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

Forrest Clark, dinners for trustees	\$	3.70
James M. Leonard, mileage for trustees		1.50
George H. Richardson, perambulation of Haverhill line		50.00
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide, for town clerk		7.00
Association of N. H. Assessors		3.00
Ammonoosuc Press, 1953 town reports		168.35
John Boutin, Sr., dinners for selectmen		4.00
James J. Page, mileage for selectmen		5.00
John Boutin, Sr., postage for selectmen		2.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies		29.66

F. J. Shores, transfers of deeds and tax notices	6.42
Anna D. Proctor, transfer of name	.10
N. H. Tax Collectors Association	3.00
Lulu M. Clark, postage for tax collector	6.27
Sargent Brothers, tax bills	7.70
Lisbon Savings Bank, safe deposit box	4.40
Wayne Wheeler, postage for town clerk	11.75
Priscilla Boutin, postage for treasurer	2.07
R. T. Bartlett Insurance Agency, officers bonds	30.00
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	\$ 347.57

Detail 3. Election and Registration Expenses

Town Meeting

Ira E. Elliott, moderator	\$ 6.40	
Margaret Elliott, supervisor	12.80	
Ethel Boutin, supervisor	12.80	
Forrest Clark, supervisor	12.80	
Wayne Wheeler, town clerk	6.40	
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman	6.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 57.60

Primary Election

Ira E. Elliott, moderator	\$ 6.40	
Margaret Elliott, supervisor	19.20	
Ethel Boutin, supervisor	19.20	
Forrest Clark, supervisor	19.20	
Wayne Wheeler, town clerk	6.40	
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	6.40	
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman	6.40	
Lena Collins, ballot clerk	6.40	
Iona Boutin, ballot clerk	6.40	
Mary Wheeler, ballot clerk	6.40	
William Harris, ballot clerk	6.40	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	2.85	
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Election

Ira E. Elliott, moderator	\$	6.40
Margaret Elliott, supervisor		12.80
Ethel Boutin, supervisor		12.80
Forrest Clark, supervisor		12.80
Wayne Wheeler, town clerk		6.40
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman		6.40
Lena Collins, ballot clerk		6.40
Iona Boutin, ballot clerk		6.40
Mary Wheeler, ballot clerk		6.40
William Harris, ballot clerk		6.40
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		83.20
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	\$	252.45

Detail 4. Town Hall Expenses

Roy Gonyaw, repairs	\$	101.75
Joseph Boutin, Jr., wood		80.00
Newman Lumber Co., repairs to fence		3.57
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	\$	185.32

Detail 5. Police Department

Ethel Boutin, constable	\$	8.00
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Detail 6. Fire Department

North Haverhill Fire Department	\$	41.38
John Boutin, Sr., fire meeting		4.00
Wayne Wheeler, fire meeting		4.00
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	\$	49.38

Detail 7. Bounties

78 hedgehogs @ 50¢	\$	39.00
4 bears @ \$5.00		20.00
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	\$	59.00

Detail 8. Health Department

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	\$	5.00
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Detail 9. Vital Statistics

Wayne Wheeler, town clerk	\$	5.00
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Detail 10. Town Road Aid

State of New Hampshire, town share	\$	82.29
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Detail 11. Town Road Maintenance, Summer**Labor**

John Boutin, Jr., highway agent	\$	244.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr.		94.20
Albert Boutin		84.40
William Harris		60.20
C. Howard Tyler		34.40
Wayne Wheeler		20.80
Beverly Webb		14.80
Ira Elliott		14.40
John Elliott		6.00

	\$	573.20
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Town of Benton, truck hire		207.50
John Fullerton, repairs		1.00
Frank Clarke, repairs		3.26
John Boutin, Sr., tractor hire		5.00
Scruggs Hardware, supplies		2.85
Ideal Welding Shop, repairs		10.15
John Boutin, Sr., telephone		.60

	\$	803.56
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Detail 12. Town Road Maintenance, Winter**Labor**

John Boutin, Jr.	\$	272.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr.		71.80

Albert Boutin	20.00
Joseph N. Boutin	15.20
William Harris	14.40
John Elliot	8.80
John Boutin, Sr.	8.00
Wayne Wheeler	4.00
P. R. Gregory	2.40
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	\$ 416.60
Town of Benton, truck hire	277.00
William Keyes, Jr., repairs	31.55
Parke J. Patten, supplies	3.74
E. J. Yeaton, gas	16.87
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., repairs	32.50
Reed's Service Station, supplies	2.10
Scruggs Hardware, supplies	1.20
E. W. Bailey & Co., Inc., supplies	20.60
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	\$ 804.56
Detail 13. Old Age Assistance	\$ 791.42
Detail 14. Memorial Day	\$ 22.08
Detail 15. Cemeteries	
Labor	
C. Howard Tyler, Mt. View	\$ 70.80
Ira Elliott, Mt. View	4.00
John Boutin, Jr., East	70.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., East	5.00
James J. Page, South	4.00
C. Howard Tyler, repairs	2.00
Scruggs Hardware, supplies	13.68
J. D. Douglas, repairs	2.00
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	\$ 171.48

Detail 16. Bank Charges	\$	8.73
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Detail 17. White Mt. Region Assoc.	\$	13.57
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Detail 18. Discounts, Abatements and Refunds

1954 yield tax abatements	\$	1.27
1953 poll tax abatements		6.00
1953 head tax abatements		15.00
Overpayment to treasurer		1.37
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	\$	23.64

Detail 19. Taxes Bought by Town	\$	229.50
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Detail 20. Interest

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$	44.38
Paid on long term notes		119.62
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	\$	164.00

Detail 21. New Equipment, snowplow	\$	846.00
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Detail 22. Indebtedness

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$	2,500.00
Paid on long term notes		1,299.20
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	\$	3,799.20

Detail 23. State Head Taxes	\$	347.32
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Detail 24. County Taxes	\$	302.43
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Detail 25. School District	\$	5,751.48
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TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

Having examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, and all other officers serving the Town, I have found them to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL BOUTIN,

Benton, N. H.

Town Auditor

January 22, 1955

LIBRARY REPORT

Ever since the last Town Meeting, the Bookmobile has made regular calls, supplying the Librarian with an excellent assortment of adult books for circulation in the town. Although notice to that effect appeared in the Woodsville paper, no books have been withdrawn during the entire year. We are most appreciative of the Bookmobile service, and it is hoped that from now on the townspeople will take advantage of the opportunity the Bookmobile affords.

Library funds as of Jan. 1, 1955 totalled \$86.52.

Vevah Leonard, Librarian,

Lulu Clark, Trustee,

Seraphine Harris, Trustee

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1954

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	*AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	Rate of Interest	Balance of In- come on hand at beginning of year	Income during year	Expended during year	Balance of In- come on hand at end of year
Dec 9 1897	Tra Whitcher Fund - to repair and beautify cemetery	U S Treasury bonds	500.00	21-2	13.19	12.50	12.50	13.19
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - care of two lots balance if any for schools and highways		500.00			12.50	12.50	
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - to repair and beautify cemetery. Balance, if any for schools and highways		1,000.00			25.00	25.00	
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - for schools							
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - for highways							
Feb 1 1917	L H Parker Fund - care of cemetery lots							
Jan. 23 1919	J C Speed Fund - care of cemetery lots							
Nov 11 1921	Sam'l Whitcher & Wm Kendall Fund - care of cemetery lots							
Dec 1 1924	Wm T Torsey Fund - care of cemetery lot							
Dec 1 1924	Samuel C Annis Fund - care of cemetery lot							
Dec 1 1924	Jonathan Davis Fund - care of cemetery lot	Field adjoining cemetery - rental income Bank Deposit	114.60 164.38	Rent	11.48 14.62	2.58 3.71	2.58 3.71	11.48 14.62
Sept 10 1930	George H Clark Fund - care of cemetery lot	*All principal sums alike at beginning and end of year. Income expended: for cemeteries for schools for highways	42.09	2% Jan. - June	1.00	.94	.94	1.00
May 11 1934	Ella Mann Fund - care of cemetery lot		42.08		1.00	.94	.94	1.00
Aug 11 1934	Kendrick L. Howe Fund - care of cem lots		164.38	2% Jan. - June	1.00	.94	.94	1.00
Mar 3 1938	D M & K L Howe Fund - care of cem lots		50.00		15.20	3.71	3.71	15.20
Nov 17 1938	Isabella M Tyler Fund - care of cem lots		50.00					
		Total	50.00					
			170.17					
			*6,519.62		57.49	172.19	172.19	57.49

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

For Year Ending January 1, 1955

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1956
Mrs. Lulu Clark	Term Expires 1957
Mr. James Leonard	Term Expires 1955

Other District Officers

Mr. James J. Page	Moderator
Mrs. Lena Collins	Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Wheeler	Auditor
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

Teachers

Miss Faye Dexter	
Mrs. Christie Jamieson	Benton Street School

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said District on the eighth day of March, 1955, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are

estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the District will vote to paint the Community Building and raise and appropriate the necessary money for same.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN,
LULU CLARK,
JAMES LEONARD,
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Paid Out 1953-54	Budget 1954-55	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '55	Proposed Budget 1955-56
Administration				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 54.50	\$ 63.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 54.50
2. Superintendent's Salary	*76.41	61.81	61.81	65.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	62.00	62.00	48.00	50.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	35.43	46.29	41.29	55.00
5. Supplies and Expenses	38.38	70.00	14.82	60.00
Instruction				
6. Teachers' Salary	2,296.57	2,500.00	805.20	2,600.00
7. Books and Other Instr'nal Aids	136.22	100.00	52.61	100.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	84.46	100.00	44.79	100.00
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	26.72	10.00	46.45	10.00
Operation of School Plant				
11. Salary of Janitor	434.00	450.00	164.00	450.00
12. Fuel or Heat	73.00	80.00	15.00	80.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Exp.	53.49	75.00	26.91	75.00
Maintenance of School Plant				
14. Repairs and Replacements	179.53	100.00	51.85	100.00
Auxiliary Activities				
15. Health Supervision	51.28	55.00	26.46	75.00
16. Transportation	531.00	500.00	156.00	400.00
17. Tuition	1,860.50	2,000.00	678.00	2,550.00
18. Special Activities and Funds		10.00		10.00
Fixed Charges				
19. Retirement	163.80	170.00	47.26	180.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Exp.	49.58	55.00	63.10	65.00
Capital Outlay				
24. Contingency Fund		105.00		105.00
Total Payments	\$6,206.87	\$6,613.60	\$2,349.55	\$7,184.50

* Superintendent's salary is \$6,650. The State pays \$2,750. The Union pays \$3,900., divided as follows: Benton \$61.81, Easton \$62.60, Franconia \$643.11, Landaff \$123.63, Lincoln \$1,305.72, Lisbon Special \$1,147.58, Lisbon Town \$257.98, Lyman \$125.58 and Sugar Hill \$171.99. Division as determined by law. Report by Act of Legislature in form suggested by State Department of Education. Difference of \$14.60 rebated by vote of Supervisory Union No. 34, December 8, 1953.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE, 1955-1956

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report	\$ 7,184.50
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Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1955	\$ 500.00
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	400.00
State Aid	1,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	50.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,184.50 for the school year 1955-1956

ETHEL BOUTIN,
LULU CLARK,
JAMES LEONARD,
School Board

Recommended Motion

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$7,184.50 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954****Receipts**

Cash on hand July 1, 1953	\$	63.68	
Federal Aid — Forest Reserve		698.71	
State Aid		1,920.13	
Appropriation		3,008.55	
Balance due on previous appro.		544.22	
Income from Trust Funds		56.38	
Other		10.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 6,301.67

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$	6,206.87	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1954		94.80	
		<u> </u>	\$ 6,301.67

July 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955**Receipts**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$	94.80	
Appropriation from Selectmen		1,800.00	
State Aid		737.85	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,632.65

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$	2,350.05	
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1955		282.60	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,632.65

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1954****Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1954	\$	94.80	
Accounts due to District			
From Town		541.64	
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		\$	636.44

Liabilities

Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$	636.44
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ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953	\$	63.68
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$	3,552.77
Received from State Treasurer		
State Aid	1,920.13	
Forest Reserve	698.71	
Income from Trust Funds	56.38	
Received from All Other Sources	10.00	
	<hr/>	6,237.99
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$	6,301.67
Less School Board Orders Paid		6,206.87
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Balance on hand June 30, 1954	\$	94.80

LENA COLLINS,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

MARY WHEELER,
Auditor

NURSES REPORT

For Year 1953-1954

Number of pupils examined 13.

Symptoms of defects		Corrections
Vision	3	1
Speech	1	
Teeth	10	3
Tonsils	4	1

School visits 14, home visits 10.

Vision and hearing tests were completed in all grades. Whenever symptoms of defects were found a written notice was sent to the parent.

Funds were raised, at school parties, for a dental clinic. Pupils were taken to Dr. Clark's office in Lisbon January 12 and January 26, 1954. Transportation was provided by the teacher, Mrs. Shute, and myself.

One pupil attended the Orthopedic Clinic held at Littleton, N. H. November 6, 1953.

One pupil received a booster injection of triple toxoid at the Well Child Conference provided by the State Department of Health.

I wish to thank Superintendent Ronald Perham, Mrs. Shute, the parents and children for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MURIEL LaMOTT, R. N.,

School Nurse

STATISTICAL TABLE

School	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Total Average Absence	Percent of Attendance	Average Tardiness
Benton Street	13	11.9	0.5	96.3	.23

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the School in 1953-54 was 13, the average membership 11.9, and the percent of attendance 96.3. There were 12 pupils enrolled in other districts; one pupil attended high school and three pupils attended the elementary school at Haverhill. Seven elementary pupils attended school at Warren, and one high school student attended Woodsville.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 10. There is one pupil attending the elementary school at Pike. Six elementary pupils are attending school at Warren and three high school students attending Woodsville.

Mrs. Sarah Shute, teacher at Benton for the past two years, resigned in June to accept a single grade position in Lancaster. She was replaced by Miss Faye Dexter who resigned at Thanksgiving recess.

Fortunately we were able to secure Mrs. Christie Jamieson as a teacher. The school is making excellent progress under her direction.

The main room, halls and toilets were painted. They look very well. We recommend painting the outside of the building this summer.

Visitors are always welcome at Benton School.

My appreciation to the community and School Board for its continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent of Schools

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES 1953-1954

Administration

1. Salaries of District Officers		
a. Ethel Boutin, school board and clerk	\$ 23.50	
b. James Leonard, school board	10.00	
c. Lena Collins, treasurer	15.00	
d. Mary Wheeler, auditor	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 54.50
2. Superintendent's Salary		
a. Treas., Sup. Union No. 34		76.41
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision		
a. Treas., State of New Hampshire		62.00
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel		
a. Forrest Clark, truant off.	\$ 8.00	
b. Ethel Boutin, census	8.00	
c. Treas., Sup. Union No. 34	19.43	
	<hr/>	35.43
5. Supplies and Expenses		
a. Supervisory Union No. 34	\$ 27.28	
b. Ethel Boutin, telephone	1.00	
c. N. H. School Board, dues	3.00	
d. Bank service charges	7.10	
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Instruction

6. Teacher's Salary		
a. Sarah Shute	\$ 1,833.55	
b. Director of Internal Rev.	252.62	
c. New Hampshire Retirement	210.40	
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7. Books and Other Aids		
a. J. B. Lippincott Co.	\$ 5.89	
b. Follet Publishing Co.	53.87	
c. American Book Co.	39.84	

d. Scott, Foresman & Co.	23.12	
e. Ginn & Co.	10.88	
f. Houghton Mifflin Co.	2.62	
	<hr/>	136.22
8. Scholars' Supplies		
a. Hughton Mifflin Co.	\$ 11.19	
b. J. L. Hammett & Co.	51.50	
c. American Edu. Pub.	6.00	
d. Lisbon Special School Dist.	15.77	
	<hr/>	84.46
10. Supplies and Other Expenses		
a. Treas., Sup. Union No. 34	\$ 22.39	
b. Edith J. Yeaton, supplies	1.08	
c. Ethel Boutin, postage and phone	3.25	
	<hr/>	26.72
Operation of School Plant		
11. Janitor's Salary		
a. Howard Tyler	\$ 25.00	
b. Marjorie Joslyn	100.00	
c. Lulu Clark	309.00	
	<hr/>	434.00
12. Fuel or Heat		
a. Forrest Clark	\$ 10.00	
b. Howard Tyler	3.00	
c. Joseph Boutin	60.00	
	<hr/>	73.00
13. Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses		
a. Ethel Boutin, supplies	\$ 6.15	
b. Scrugg's Hardware, sup.	12.45	
c. N. H. Electric Coop.	34.89	
	<hr/>	53.49

Maintenance of School Plant

14. Repairs and Replacements	
a. Clyde Church, repairs	\$ 22.57

b. Roy Gonyaw, repairs	101.75	
c. Scrugg's Hardware, supplies	3.76	
d. Woodville Furniture Co., rod	5.95	
e. Arthur Young, repairs	7.00	
f. Forrest Clark	2.50	
g. Lulu Clark, cleaning	18.00	
h. Ethel Boutin, cleaning	18.00	
	<hr/>	179.53

Auxiliary Activities

15. Health Supervision		
a. E. B. Mann, medical sup. \$	1.28	
b. Muriel LaMott, School Nurse	50.00	
	<hr/>	51.28
16. Transportation		
a. Marcia Anderson \$	385.00	
b. Fred White	146.00	
	<hr/>	531.00
17. Tuition		
a. Marcia Anderson, Treas. \$	965.00	
b. Daniel Carr, Treasurer	650.00	
c. Clarence Knox	245.00	
d. Check No. 199 adjustment	.50	
	<hr/>	1,860.50

Fixed Charges

19. Retirement		
a. N. H. Teachers' Retirement		163.80
20. Insurance		
a. R. T. Bartlett, insurance		49.58
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Total		\$ 6,206.87

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1954

Date of Birth and Name of Child	No. of Child		Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
3-29 Donald D. Joslyn	M	7	M	Gordon Joslyn	Marjorie Rosa	Benton	Oakfield, Me.	Monticello, Me.
7-15 Patricia J. Menard	F	1	F	Wilfred Menard	Rita McCoy	Benton	Island Pond, Vt.	Walpole, N. H.
9-19 Theodore J. Boutin	M	3	M	Joseph N. Boutin	Priscilla Paradie	Benton	No. Haverhill, N. H.	Woodsville, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1954

Date and Cause of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Married Single or Widowed		Name of Father	Name of Mother	Occupation
					Sex			
1-16 Pul. T'culosis	William J. Enright	70	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	S	M	Thomas Enright	Anne Murphy	Retired
2-24 Ac. spont. pneu.	Mike Sabolinsky	70	Russia	W	M	Unknown	Unknown	Retired
2-24 Strangulation	Raymond P. Loughlin	59	Dover, N. H.	M	M	Peter Loughlin	Bridget Connors	Baker
4-8 Aplas. Anemia	William Van Zoom	80	Antwerp, Belgium	M	M	Joseph Van Zoom	Elizabeth Remes	Cigar Maker
5-9 Pul. T'culosis	Lewis A. Heath	52	Vermont	M	M	Albert Heath	Jennie Page	Machinist
6-7 Pul. T'culosis	Reginald P. Plourde	50	Lewiston, Me.	M	M	Peter Plourde	Agnes Grieves	Weaver
6-9 Metastatic adeno.	Sue Elias	37	New York City	F	F	John Elias	Anna Sukyp	Stenographer

